

CONGRATULATING TENNESSEE
VOL PLACE KICKER JEFF HALL**HON. VAN HILLEARY**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 6, 1999

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an outstanding young man from my district, Jeff Hall of Winchester, Tennessee.

Jeff Hall is many things. He is a captain of the National Champion Tennessee Volunteer football team. He is the all-time leading scorer in the history of the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and a four-time All-SEC team member. He is one of the best place kickers in America, who time after time has displayed grace under pressure, kicking last-minute, game-winning field goals against Syracuse and Florida in this perfect, 13-0, National Championship season.

However, Jeff Hall is more than just a great place kicker. He is a true student-athlete who has been named to the Academic All-SEC team and who recently graduated with a degree in marketing. He is a community servant who has participated in more than 150 community service events, including serving as president of UT's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and visiting children's hospitals, speaking in anti-drug programs and youth clinics and Boy Scout chapters. For all his good deeds in the community, he has been named to the Football Good Works Team by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and the SEC. He is also a man who has the courage to stand on his religious principles and make it known that his relationship with God is the most important part of his life.

Mr. Speaker, Jeff Hall is the kind of person we should encourage all our young people to emulate. He embodies a dedication to excellence, community service and moral values which would make our nation a better place if everybody demonstrated that same dedication.

SALUTING COLONEL "IRONMAN"
LEE**HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, at his death, all Americans need to be reminded of the career and valor of Col. William A. Lee, who died on December 27, 1998 at the age of 98 after a long battle with cancer.

Col. Lee, nicknamed "Ironman," was among my most distinguished constituents, and one of the most decorated Marines in the history of the Corps. He also was one of the last living World War I veterans in Virginia's First District. He resided for many years near Fredericksburg, Virginia.

In Colonel Lee's younger days, he gained renown as a knife fighter and expert marksman known for his toughness and endurance. He enlisted in the Marines in 1918 at the age of 17 and after serving in World War I, he fought in the Nicaraguan "Banana Wars" of the late 1920s and early 1930s at the side of another legendary warrior from Virginia's First District, the late Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller. It

was Puller who bestowed upon Lee the nickname "Ironman" for his valor in battle. Col. Lee earned three Navy Crosses for his service in South America alone.

At the outbreak of World War II, Col. Lee served as chief gunner with the "Horse Marines" mounted infantry in China. On the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he and 200 other Marines were taken prisoner, herded into boats and trains and beaten. He remained in a Japanese prison camp for 44 months until the United States dropped atomic weapons on Japan. He retired from the Marines in 1950.

During his service, Col. Lee earned dozens of awards, including three Purple Hearts and two Medals of Valor. Mementoes of his long military career such as the Stetson hat he wore in South America and his World War II Smith and Wesson .44 caliber revolver are on display today at the Marine Corps museums at Quantico and in Washington. The rifle range at Quantico is named in his honor.

Col. Lee was a great American patriot who loved his country. His career is a shining example to all who respect those who have served in the military and still serve with a devotion to honor and duty. As the curator of material history for the Marine Corps said upon Colonel Lee's death, "His name is beyond legendary to Marines."

I was extremely proud to have had him as a constituent. Every American should be reminded of his patriotism and valor.

HONORING GEORGE HOWARD
BRETT'S ELECTION TO THE
BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 6, 1999

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and I rise today to join my constituents in the Fifth District of Missouri and all baseball fans around the country in congratulating George Howard Brett, the first member of the Kansas City Royals to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. This well-deserved recognition is the highest honor in baseball. I salute George Brett, his family, and the entire Kansas City Royals organization on this achievement.

George Brett's unique combination of talent, dedication, and commitment to one team, and his desire to give back to our community illustrates his worthiness of this honor. He played his entire career as No. 5 for 21 seasons in Kansas City where he achieved a career batting average of .305. Mr. Brett holds 3 American League batting titles and is a 13-time All Star. He is the only player in Major League history to have earned at least 3,000 hits, 300 home runs, 600 doubles, 100 triples and 200 stolen bases. Mr. Brett powered the Kansas City Royals to a World Championship in 1985 with a .370 batting average for the Series. The members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America voted 98.19 percent in selecting Mr. Brett to the Hall of Fame. This is the fourth highest percentage in history.

As a first and third baseman, George Brett was bigger than life when out on the field.

Baseball fans remember when he chased the magical .400 batting average record set by Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox. Mr. Brett was so admired during his playing days that around town there were "George Brett for President" bumper stickers. Hard work and dedication made him a sports hero that kids from all over the Midwest and the nation still look up to as a role model. He truly is an inspiration to the young people of our nation and has made the game exciting for fans of all ages.

We are all very proud of Mr. Brett and his accomplishments. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Brett, his family and the Kansas City Royals for this monumental achievement.

DESIGNATING THE FLORIDA PANTHER
AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES**HON. BILL MCCOLLUM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would declare the Florida Panther, specifically, to be an endangered species. As a longtime supporter of the recovery plan to restore the Florida Panther population, I believe that the Panther should be named by statute as a protected species under the Endangered Species Act.

The Florida Panther is one of the most seriously endangered subspecies in the United States. Like most endangered species, there are multiple problems threatening the Panther and its recovery. Along with the usual issues of habitat loss, the Florida Panther also suffers from genetic isolation and inbreeding. The Fish and Wildlife Service has been initiating a Habitat Protection Plan along with the genetic restoration effort for the Panther. I believe that we need to support this endeavor to restore the Florida Panther population and name this species by statute as an endangered species. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

STOP SWEATSHOPS—NOW

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, today I am joining with 26 of my colleagues to introduce legislation to curb the re-emergence of sweatshops in the domestic garment industry. This legislation is identical to a bill I introduced in the last Congress, H.R. 23.

Sweatshops have returned to the apparel industry in the United States in numbers and forms reminiscent of the turn of the century. A decade and a half ago, the General Accounting Office (GAO) documented the re-emergence of sweatshops. The GAO has identified sweatshop activity across the country, from California to New York and from Chicago to Texas and Florida. Despite significant and commendable enforcement efforts by the Department of Labor under the Clinton Administration, sweatshops continue to be a serious